1	2	3	4
10.	Madhya Pradesh	144	..
11.	Maharashtra	29	1
12.	North Eastern	43	..
13.	Orissa	14	1
14.	Punjab	3	..
15.	Rajasthan	31	..
16.	Tamil Nadu	30	..
17.	Uttar Pradesh	379	2
18.	West Bengal	110	..
		980	8

NOTE: Some of the post offices referred to above have already been opened. Others are expected to be opened before 31-3-1988.

Payment of D.A. to Public Sector Employees

543. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the dearness allowance and its slabs as admissible to various categories of officers in the more important Public undertakings including ONGC, Indian Oil, SAIL, NTPC, BHEL, STC, etc.; and

(b) the reasons for not giving equal D.A. to employees of all profit making Pubic Undertakings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) Dearness Allowance in these major enterprises is not paid on slab basis but is determined on quarterly basis with reference to the quarterly average of AICPI. The Quantum of the D.A. admissible to officers is uniform to all officers irrespective of their ranks within the same enterprise. It is also not dependent upon profitability or otherwise of the concerned enterprise.

Reopening of ACC Babcock Limited

544. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any steps to reopen the ACC Babcock Limited which has two units at Shahbad in Karnataka and Durgapur in West Bengal; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) ACC Babcock Ltd., a company in the private sector engaged in the manufacture of boilers for the power sector, filed a petition before the Bombay High Court in October, 1986 for winding up of the affairs of the company. The two units of the company in West Bengal and Karnataka are lying closed since then. IDBI had prepared a package for the rehabilitation of the company. On examination, this was found to be non-bankable. IDBI has submitted

a revised package for the revival of the company recently. No final decision has been taken on the package. The company has also made a reference to the Board of Industrial and Financial Reconstruction under the provisions of Section 15 (1) of the Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provision) Act, 1985.

Setting up of rubber based factories

545. SHRI NARAYAN KAR: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up rubber based industries to fulfil the requirements of the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to set up such industries in Tripura where there is plenty of raw materials;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(e) if the answer to (c) above be in the negative, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (e) Proposals for the setting up of rubber based industries are considered on merits as per the guidelines. No proposal for the setting up of such industries in Tripura is pending with the Government.

Proposals for setting up of new industrial units in States

546. SHRI NEPALDEV BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of the proposals submitted by the State Governments which are pending with the Central Government for setting up of new industrial units in their respective State;

(b) if so, when those proposals were received;

(c) by when those proposals are likely to be cleared by the Central Government; and

(d) what are the details of the action taken by the Central Government to clear those cases and the reasons for the delay to clear those proposals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) A statement is enclosed (*See* below).

(b) to (d) Out of the 63 Industrial Licence applications indicated in the statement attached, 37 have been received only during January and February, 1988. 21 applications were received during 1987 and the remaining 5 during the years 1985 and 1986. Applications which are not disposed of within the prescribed time limit are reviewed and placed before the approval committees for taking appropriate decisions.

Statement

State-wise Number of Industrial Licence, Applications received from State Government Undertakings (including SIDCs) which are at various stages of Processing as on 23-2-88.

S. No.	Name of the State/Union Territory	Number of Applications
1.	Andhra Pradesh	2
2	Assam	2
3.	Bihar	9